

INSULT IS CAST AT GLOUCESTER

Richmond Man Springs Sensation at Newport News Meeting of Educators.

LATER, MAKES APOLOGY
Allegation Made That People Are Ignorant—Supt. Bridges Replies with Heat.

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va., November 25.—Principal M. L. Bonham, of one of the Richmond public schools, created the sensation of the second day of the State Educational Conference during the morning session of the department of principals, when he declared that he had heard upon excellent authority that the educational system in Gloucester county was inefficient and the people of the county were so ignorant that the best medical practice in both white and negro families was done by a negro physician. Soon after taking his seat, however, Mr. Bonham arose again and stated that he had heard wrongly and that he had slandered Gloucester, that he had made his previous statement upon what he considered good authority and was glad to learn that he was mistaken.

Superintendent Herbert L. Bridges, of Gloucester county, answered the Richmonder with some heat, saying that he wished to repel any such insult as had been heaped upon his people. With scorn and vehemence he denied that the white people of his county patronized a negro doctor either from necessity or choice. Great applause greeted this statement. Continuing Mr. Bridges said that Gloucester boasted of as many reputable and efficient physicians as any other in the State.

Interesting Address.
An interesting feature of the morning session of the conference was the address, at Trinity Methodist Church, was an address by Hon. W. M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, whose subject was "Instruction in Agriculture and Home Economics in High Schools."

Two sessions of the Teachers' Association and of the departments of superintendents and principals were held to-day. This afternoon meetings of the department of colleges and secondary schools, the department of rural teachers and the department of trust were held. From 2 to 3 o'clock this afternoon there were meetings of teachers by congressional districts. Interesting addresses were made by well-known educators at all of the different meetings, and all were well attended.

To-morrow no afternoon sessions will be held, and a large majority of the delegates and visitors will attend a football game on the Casino grounds between William and Mary and Hampden-Sydney colleges.

Notes from Onancock.
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ONANCOCK, Va., November 25.—Repairs and improvements have been ordered by the Precinct Board for the life-saving stations on Assateague Beach, Watter's Island and Pope's Island, and Mr. George P. Hale is now on Chincoteague to superintend the work.

The annual season for reports by the farmers of the big hogs killed is at hand. So far Captain E. T. Sommers leads, with one weighing 770 pounds. The heavy shipments of sweet potatoes for this year is about over, though a good many have been put up in bins to be handled during the winter. Up to three weeks ago the produce exchange has shipped 2,200 cars of about 20,000 barrels each. The private shipments and those of individual purchasers will run the crop to over 700,000 barrels.

Large quantities of Irish potato seed for spring planting are being sought in Maine. Orders for 25,000 barrels have been recently given to growers in Aroostook county. The price, delivered at railroad stations in the county, is \$2.75. The local crop, on account principally of the September drought, was nearly a failure, the yield being very small and quality inferior.

The mine prop business has been resumed, and many dealers began work last week. This has become an important industry in the county.

Mr. William J. Wheaton, of Chincoteague, grew on one vine this year three pumpkins, the total weight of which was 23 pounds.

Fire on a farm in Joyce's Neck, occupied by Mr. John W. Budd and belonging to Francis D. Parks, destroyed the barn and stables. Mr. Budd lost

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many farming implements, considerable provender and a valuable horse. There was no insurance upon any of the property.

The menial fish factories have closed work, and the salines have been overhauled and housed. The catch of fish was larger than usual, their condition up to the average, and the season a profitable one.

At the "old glory" sale in Madison Square Garden last week several fine horses were bought by residents of Accomac, among them King of the Manor.

Negro Is Arrested.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPOTSVILANIA, Va., November 25.—Deputy Sheriff Richard M. Waller yesterday arrested Alfred Fox, colored, with a view to having broken into the store of Julian McWhirt at Summit station and stealing a lot of harness and shoes, and also breaking into the dwelling of Joseph M. McWhirt in the same vicinity, and stealing therefrom articles of clothing. Fox had his preliminary examination yesterday before Justice Waller, who sent him to the grand jury.

W. H. Rollins Appointed.
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FREDERICKSBURG, Va., November 25.—Judge J. F. Morgan of the Circuit Court of Stafford county, has appointed W. H. Rollins a member of the Board of Supervisors of Stafford county for Falmouth District, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James Lee, who had served in that body for sixteen years. Mr. Rollins is a prominent farmer, and for twenty-two years has been a member of the Stafford School Board, which place he resigns to go on the Board of Supervisors.

Dense Fog Prevails.
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NORFOLK, Va., November 25.—Shipping during the early morning hours, and in the late afternoon was seriously handicapped by the dense fog prevailing, owing to the present abnormal condition of the weather. Early this morning the fog was so dense that tug and other craft working in the harbor tied up and attempted to do no moving about.

Looking for His Wife.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, Va., November 25.—Harry Rekenbaugh, of Harper's Ferry, Va., has been sent to the local police to assist him in locating his wife, whom he claims left him on or about November 24, and is now in or about Lambert's Point. It is positive that she is in the city, as her mail bears the postmark of the point substation of the post-office.

Cupid Finds a Way.
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NORFOLK, Va., November 25.—Tracing his sweetheart to a far-off Michigan town, Ann Arbor, where she had been sent to prevent a marriage, W. Harry Barkley and Mrs. Barkley, nee Miss Blanche Duncan, of Norfolk county, arrived here this morning.

It seems that the parents of the young lady objected to the marriage, and for some time have had their

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Send in Your Definition Now!

This contest is inaugurated for no other purpose than to get our name before the people of Virginia. Remember it costs you nothing to join this contest and try for one of the valuable prizes. There are no restrictions that you cannot comply with, which are: No answer over thirty words will be considered; no one in the piano business can be a contestant, and you must send your definition in by November 30, 1908, 6 P. M. Write name and address on separate paper, so that the judges will have no knowledge of the sender. As soon as received your letter and definition will be given a number, so there will be no mistake made.

A committee of five disinterested persons will examine definitions and render decisions. All definitions must be original.

NOW GET BUSY!

The Crafts Piano Co., 214-216 N. 5th St., Richmond, Va.

News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., November 25.

A hold robbery was committed about a quarter past 5 o'clock this morning at the store of the New York Clothing House, on Sycamore Street, but the thief had his trouble for nothing, as he was so closely pursued that he was forced to drop his booty, and narrowly escaped capture. Messrs. John T. Pace & Co. are proprietors of the store. At the hour above named the plate-glass of one of the large front shop windows was smashed in by a thief, and a suit of clothes valued at \$25 and a pair of shoes were taken out. Police Officer Belcher, who was some distance up the street, heard the noise of the crash, and hurried to the spot. He saw a negro with the clothes leaving the window, but the fellow also saw the officer, and ran, turning into East 7th Street. While in pursuit the officer shot four times at the fleeing negro, and it is believed wounded him. At the third shot the negro threw up his arms and dropped the clothes, and at the fourth shot he ran a few paces and then turned back. He, however, ran through the court-yard, and down through the dismantled jail building, where he lost himself. A heavy fog prevailed at the time, and it was quite dark. The officer got such a good view of the negro that he will be able to identify him to-morrow.

Thanksgiving School Exercises.
The public schools of the city were closed at noon to-day until Monday. In order to attend the State Teachers' Association at Newport News, it was patrons' day at Anderson school, and a very interesting program was arranged for the occasion. The pupils of the various grades of the school participated in appropriate Thanksgiving exercises, and entered into the spirit of the occasion with pleasure and delight. The teachers and pupils made a special effort to induce the patrons of the school to attend the exercises, the object being to bring about the co-operation of parents and teachers in educational work, and many visitors were present. The exercises were all of a Thanksgiving character, as shown in the recitation, the patriotic songs, the drawings, etc., by the pupils.

Alleged Bignami Sent On.
James M. Lambert, a citizen of Nottingham county, a confessed bigamist, was this morning sent on to the Hurlingham Court for trial by the Justice. Lambert was arrested some days ago, but a hearing of the case was deferred to get witnesses from Nottingham. Lambert makes no denial of the charge. While having a wife and several children in that county, he married a woman from a common house in this city a few weeks ago. He represented himself as single when he got his license, and the ceremony was performed by a well known minister of this city. The trial will probably not take place until late in January, as little business is transacted at the December term of the court. Lambert was bailed in \$500.

At the recent term of the Circuit Court of Prince George county, bench warrants were issued for the arrest of two negroes—John Mabry and Edward Taylor—for felony. These men were participants in the theft of fifty-one bags of peanuts from the barn of Mr. Horace Smith, and have fled from the county. The third man implicated in the robbery was Ben Mabry, a trusted employee of Mr. Smith, who carried the keys to the barn. He was convicted and sentenced to three years' hard labor in the public roads, since the robbery Mr. Smith's barn, a large building, has been burned, and the suspicion is that it was set on fire by friends of the accused men.

Personal and Otherwise.
Mrs. Mary Louise Harrison, of Richmond, is visiting friends in the city, and is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Hinton. Mrs. Harrison is expected to leave to assist in the unveiling last Sunday in Blandford Church of the beautiful memorial to her stepfather, General D. A. Wager.

The new St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, erected by the colored congregation on Perry Street, has been completed, and will be formally dedicated this Sunday morning. Rev. Giles B. Cooke, a former rector of the church, will preach the sermon.

General E. W. Nicks, superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute, was tendered a reception in the parlors of the Petersburg Club last night, where he met and greeted and addressed the alumni of the institution residing in Petersburg. A Petersburg Alumni Association was organized and the following officers elected: President, Carter B. Bishop, Vice-President, M. C. Jackson, Secretary and Treasurer, William L. Zimmer, Jr.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the various churches in this city to-morrow, public business will be generally closed, and the day observed as a holiday.

New Passenger Station.
At a called meeting of the Common Council last evening an ordinance was adopted granting authority for the raising of the grade of River and Second Streets, where the Norfolk and Western Railway Company is to build its new passenger station. The company proposes to begin work on the station without delay. It will be a story brick building, 180 by 40 feet, and will connect by subway with the Coast Line depot. It is expected the new station will be completed in six months.

Mr. Walter N. Winfree and Mr. C. H. Pyle, well known citizens, who have been ill for some time, are convalescent. Rev. J. K. Joffe, late of Manassas, entered on the pastoral charge of High Street Methodist Episcopal Church to-day.

While wrestling at the Anderson school grounds to-day, James Bennett, a small boy, fell and fractured an arm.

Mrs. W. W. Robinson has issued invitations to the marriage of her daughter, Miss Lina Lucille, to Mr. William Harwood Whitehead, on Thursday, December 10, at 10:30 A. M., at the residence, South Sycamore Street.

SAILORS WILL FEAST.
Uncle Sam Has Prepared Great Thanksgiving Spread.

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Are Ready for Debate.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALEIGH, N. C., November 25.—Arrangements have been completed for the Wake Forest-Randolph-Macon Debate in the auditorium of the State School for the Blind here to-morrow evening. The question is, "Resolved, That injunctions ought to be allowed as a means of preventing strikes." Randolph-Macon, in the affirmative, has speakers H. S. Duffy and E. L. Fox; Wake Forest has J. S. Martin and J. N. Collins. Ex-president Charles Lee Smith, of Randolph-Macon, now of Raleigh, will preside.

Agree on Date.
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RALEIGH, N. C., November 25.—Governor R. B. Glenn and Governor-elect Kitchin have agreed on Tuesday, January 12th, as the date of the latter's inauguration. Governor-elect Kitchin desired that the inauguration be held on the 13th or 14th of January, but Governor Glenn will have to be in New York on both of these days.

FOUR PRISONERS ARE MADE HAPPY

Thanksgiving Pardons Are Given to Convicts by Governor Glenn.

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RALEIGH, N. C., November 25.—To-morrow, Thanksgiving Day, four State convicts will be made very happy, for freedom will come to them. The Governor granted them pardons. These were issued yesterday and delivered to Superintendent Mann, of the penitentiary, who are effective to-morrow morning.

The Governor says in regard to the pardons: "These pardons are based upon the recommendation of the superintendent of the penitentiary, and are only granted where the defendants are long-term prisoners, who seem to have no friends or relatives to take any interest in obtaining their release, and who have made for themselves good records as prisoners. I believe it would be an incentive to better order and the observance of discipline if these long-term prisoners could have a hope that, in case they behaved themselves and did well, they possibly might be remembered on Thanksgiving Day."

His Last Chance.
"Heretofore I have only granted two pardons on Thanksgiving Day, but as this is the last time I can exercise this clemency, I issue four pardons in the following cases: Jeff Macy, white, convicted in Madison Superior Court at 1896 of murder and sentenced to fifteen years; Walter Newton, white, convicted in Granville Superior Court in 1894 of murder, thirty years; Will White, colored, convicted in Ireland Superior Court in 1893 of burglary, twenty-five years; Moses Pender, colored, convicted in Edgecombe Superior Court of murder in the second degree in 1896, twenty years. All of these prisoners have perfect records, and their pardon is asked for and recommended by the prison authorities."

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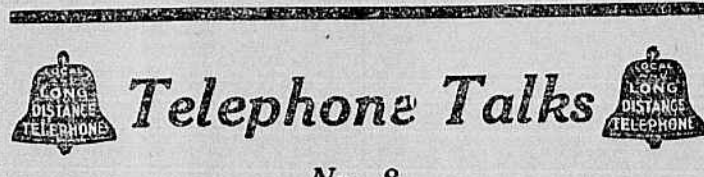
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No. 8.

THE subscriber plays an important part in the business of giving telephone service. If the telephone is not used properly, if the subscriber believes he cannot secure good service under any circumstances and if proper consideration is not shown the operator, our difficulties are greatly increased. Fortunately for us there are very few subscribers of that kind in this city. Most of our subscribers are co-operating with us in our efforts to give quick and accurate service.

In order to secure efficient service at all times several things are necessary on the part of the subscriber. When your telephone bell rings the call should be answered promptly, otherwise the calling party may grow impatient and leave the telephone and you will think the operator has rung your telephone without necessity. Then the receiver

should not be left off the hook. When this occurs your telephone is reported busy or out of order. In the case of a party line it puts two telephones out of commission. In calling a number you should speak distinctly and where there is a prefix or a letter in the number you should also repeat these to the operator. If you are calling in haste we ask you to note the time and not feel that seconds are minutes and that we are neglecting your telephone.

If you let your neighbors and friends use your telephone indiscriminately your station is likely to be reported busy when you are not personally using it. When your telephone is in use, by you or by